Tree Growers Cooperatives

2433. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY : Will the PK1ME MINIS 1'fcR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NDDB has formulated a scheme to assist tree growers' cooperatives with foreign assistance;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme;

(c) whether any cooperatives have been selected from Andhra Pradesh for assistance; and

(d) if so, the details[1] thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WASTELAND DEVELOPMENT) (COL. RAM SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India and the Government of Sweden signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 30th July, 1992 to enable the National Dairy Develop, ment Board (NDDB) and the National Tree Growers' Cooperative Federation (NTGCF) to implement the Tree Growers' Cooperative Project in the States of Orissa, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu with the assistance of Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), The estimated cost of the Project is 50 million Swedish Kronor (approximately Rs. 24.4 crores). The Project aims at organising 300 Tree Growers' Cooperative Societies in these States for developing 10,000 hectares of wastelands during the Project period of five years starting from 1992.

The Government of India and the Government of Canada signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 17th March, 1993 to enable the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) and the National Tree Growers' Cooperative Federation (NTGCF) to implement the Tree Growers' Cooperative Project in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka with the assistance of Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). The estimated cost of the Project is 20 million Canadian dollars (approximately Rs. 45.9 crores). The Project aims at organising 300 Tree Growers' Cooperative Societies in these States for developing 11,400 hectares of wastelands during the Project period of six years starting from 1993.

(c) and (d) As on 31-3-1994, 35 Tree Growers' Cooperative Societies have been organised with 1,923 members in Andhra Pradesh under the Tree Growers' Cooperative Project. The project is operational in the districts of Chittoor and Cud-dapph 8.45 lakh trees have been planted on 337 hectares of revenue wastelands.

Allocation of funds under IRDF anil JRY to Punjab

2434. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: WiU the PRIME MINISTER, be pleased to state;

(a) the Central allocation of funds made to Punjab under the Integra, ted Rural Development Programme and the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana during the years 1992-93 and 1993-94:

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the efforts made by Govern ment to monitor the funds provided under the said scheme?

THE MINISTER. OP STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) Government is implementing two major rural development Programme viz. Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) in the country indulging the State of Punjab. The Central allocation of funds made to

Punjab under IRBP and JRY during 1992-S3 and 1993-94 is as under:_

(Rs. in lakhs)

Programme	Central allocation
	1992.93
IRDP	203.00
JRY	1361.74
	1993-94
	264.00
	1291.27

(b) and (c) N_0 such Report has been brought to the notice of this Ministry.

(d) Both the schemes viz. IRDP and JRY are closely monitored regularly through periodical Progress reports on both physical and financial aspects, as well as through field inspection by Block/district] State level staff, periodical Meetings of central and state officials, workshop of Project Directors etc. from time to time in order to ensure that funds provided under the programmes are effectively utilised. The Centre has also introduced the scheme of Area Officers wherein senior officers under take field inspection, in the respective states allocated to them.

Setting- up of regional CAPART Committee in th$_e$ country

2435. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre has decided to set up Regional CAPART (Council fo$_r$ Advancement of Peoples Action and Rural Technology) Committee in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, what would be the main objective? of setting up such CAP ART; and

(c) the step$_s$ taken to set up the CAPART in different States?

TEE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEV ELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) to (c) The Executive Committee of Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) in it$_s$ meeting held on 17.6.1994 has approved a proposal to decentralise CAPART by setting up Regional Committees. All States would be covered by the Regional Committees. Further details are being worked out.

पिछड़ेपन को दूर करने के लिए अतिरिक्त कार्यक्रम क्रियान्वयन

2436. **श्री राम जेठमलानी** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने देश में अत्यन्त पिछड़े हुए 120 जिलों का पता लगाया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इन जिलों का राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि इन जिलों के पिछड़ेपन को दूर करने के लिए सरकार ने अपने प्रयासों के आधार पर एक नए अति-रिक्त कार्यक्रम को क्रियान्वित करने का निर्णय लिया है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ङ) क्या यह भी सच है कि समय-समय पर गठित की गई समितियों ने ग्रामीण विकास के लिए सरकार द्वारा शुरू किए गए कार्यक्रमों के क्रियान्वयन में लापर-वाही बरतने के कारण अपेक्षित लाभ न मिलने के बारे में सरकार को बताया है ; और

(च) यदि हां, तो इस नये कार्यक्रम के क्रियान्वयन में क्या एहतियात बरती गई है ताकि देश को वांछित लाभ मिल सके ?